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Government.

Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. Governments likewise derive their unjust powers from the consent of the governed.

When a form of government becomes tyrannical, its weapon is always the same fear—fear.

To date, there has been conceived no government which, once well established, could not for a brief space be converted to despotic ends.

The reason sums up in one mighty word—organization. The very system they sanction, sponsor, authorize and firmly espouse is ever a possible menace though a probable benefit to the governed!

Organization will work a great good or become a destructive force to be dreaded if into it creeps an insidious element of unscrupulousness, a few human hogs or power-crazed personalities at the helm of the ship of state.

No matter what the form of government, should the above described condition ever exist within it the governed are placed at dangerous disadvantage through the power of that formidable organization which is indispensable to government efficiency.

Government debased by debauched holders of office, is doomed to short life, for the people will suffer only till they can combat organization with organization.

The caliber of any just government reflects the quality of the governed. Democracy is the most exalted expression of governmental justice. World democracy looms large on the horizon. It means "Freedom for all, forever!"

Stop It.

The great war has already claimed more than 40,000 American soldiers as casualties. The list will constantly grow larger.

England has lost more than 900,000 troops in killed alone. The German loss in killed has been more than 2,000,000. The French losses have been almost as great.

Statisticians who have made a study of war casualties declare that in killed alone the casualties of all nations, Russians, Serbs, Rumanians, Turks, Austrians, Bulgars and those before mentioned have been more than 10,000,000.

The majority of these men were young. They were the men who would have tilled the fields, worked in the shops and raised the families of tomorrow.

They were the promises, unfulfilled by the mad dream of the brute at Potsdam.

Ten million lives cut off at the time when they were broadening into usefulness to civilization.

Civilization is paying the price and must continue to pay.

But this orgy of bloodshed, of murder and rapine must never be repeated.

It is you who must see that it is not repeated.

Buy liberty bonds.

If you have bought, buy more.

Beauty in the War.

England has a new poet named Squire.

He's a he-poet with a punch.

He has been trying to tell the English people that, in the midst of this war, there are beautiful and wonderful things happening all about us and that we ought to keep our eyes opened for them.

He has almost shocked England with the beauty of his latest way of delivering his message in his poem called "The Lady of Malud."

In a primeval village a beautiful, mystic thing happens, so beautiful and good that, if the folk had seen it and understood it, they would have been raised to finer lives, but—and this is very much as many of us are taking the beautiful things that are happening in this war:

"The surly, thick-lipped men, as they sit by their huts, Making drums out of guts, grunting softly, now and then; Carving sticks of ivory, making shields of wrinkled skins, Smoothing sinister and thin squatting gods of ebony, Chip and grunt, and do not see.

But each mother, silently,

Longer than her wont, stays shut in the stillness of her hut,

For she feels a brooding cloud of memory in the air,

A something there that makes her sit bowed

With shining, hollow eyes, as the night fire dies,

And stare in the ember, trying to remember

Something sorrowful and far, something sweet and vaguely seen

Like an early evening star when the sky is pale green;

A silver tower, grown in an hour;

A ghost like a flower; a flower like a queen;

Something holy in the past, that came but did not last.

But she knows not what it was."

In America we have our drums and shields and lances to make, and to use, too. And our gods to carve, perhaps. American women are just as busy as the men, at these things.

But while we're getting these things done we ought to be looking up from our work, now and then, to see the fine good things that are happening and that will happen, soon.

A new world is being made.

Look up from your work, now and then, and watch it.

For Austria it will be a case of pieces without victory.

Wilson has prevented the peace offensive from resulting in an offensive peace.

The war experts have at last begun to learn that the "stellung" part of the famous Kriemhilde position itself means "line."

Senate Finance Committee votes to reduce the tax on whisky from \$8 to \$6.40. Now watch the sale price on John Barleycorn go sailing higher!

It will be easy to find a useful occupation for the Kaiser and five of his sons. They can be put to work as day laborers in the rebuilding of Belgium. How to find a job which the crown prince is capable of handling will be the problem.

"On the battlefield from Cambrai and St. Quentin we occupied positions in the rear, thereby giving up Cambrai"—German official report. Another case of the Hun Superman giving up land. Or, possibly, was he forced out?

Hell, Heaven or Hoboken.

(The new trench song of the Yankees.)

A Yankee lad, khaki clad, sat in a trench, without a care—

A doughboy gang, around him sang, tunes like "Laddie Boy" and "Over There."

He listened to their songs of cheer,

Till they sang, "Where do we go from here?"

If that's all you want to know, said he

Just lend an ear and follow me.

CHORUS.

Hell, Heaven or Hoboken,

We'll reach on Christmas Day—

Up above, down below, or landing on the Jersey shore—

We're going by way of Metz and Berlin,

We're going west or we're going to win—

And we'll eat our Christmas turkey in—

Hell, Heaven or Hoboken.

B. N. Y.

"SCHOOL DAYS"

HEARD UNDER THE BOMB



AMERICA TURNS ATTENTION TO YOUNG SWISS ENGINEER

Frederick Oederlin Becomes Messenger of German Reply to President Through Departures from Legation.

The eyes of America today are turned upon one man. That man is not Chancellor Max of Baden nor any man in Germany. He occupies a little two-story red brick building in Washington which houses the Swiss Legation.

Frederick Oederlin, originally a mechanical engineer, has by a twist of fate been called to occupy one of the most important posts in the history of world diplomacy.

He is charge d'affaires ad interim of Switzerland, who recently transmitted to Berlin through his government President Wilson's epochal note notifying Germany to get out of France and Belgium as she wants to talk peace.

Through him will come the reply from Kaiser Wilhelm. Oederlin will be the first man in this country officially to know the answer.

To acquaint the American people with the personality of this man who acts as intermediary between them and their enemies, I paid a visit to the Swiss Legation immediately after Secretary Lansing's note was delivered there.



FREDERICK OEDERLIN.

Legation Modestly Housed. The legation is in a modest old two-story brick residence on Hillier place, a quiet Connecticut avenue. It has a small front yard and a tiny three-cornered yard adjoining an alley; steps lead up from the sidewalk. But for a little brass plate over the door, the building would be unrecognizable to the words "Swiss Legation" you'd never suspect it as the abode of diplomacy.

Nor would you suspect the brisk, business-like, plainly-dressed young man who was introduced to me as Mr. Oederlin to be the intermediary between the United States and Germany.

He looks more like what he was up to last month—commercial adviser to the Swiss Minister; an enterprising young business man. He wears an ordinary business suit, with a soft collar and bow tie—none of your black-bracket cutaway coats and silk hats for him.

He is most prepossessing in appearance and affable in manner. He greets you cordially and gives you a real American handshake, without diffidence or the restraint customary to diplomats. He wears his forehead bare and his upper lip covered with a blond mustache. In brief, the looks just like an energetic young American.

Youngest Diplomat Here. He is only 35 years of age—perhaps the youngest diplomat in Washington. He is his story as he gave it to me himself—with a modest protest that he couldn't see why the American people should be interested in him.

He was born in Zurich and graduated from the University of Zurich as a mechanical engineer, after which he went to England and was employed by a firm there for four years. Then he went to the silver mines of Cobalt, Canada, as mechanical expert for an English concern.

A year later the General Electric Company discovered him and brought him to Pittsfield, Mass. America had been his goal, so he was willing.

In 1910 he was called back to Switzerland to work for an engineer-

ing corporation there, and when the war began in 1914 he was sent to New York to take charge of the work of supplying the industries of Switzerland with raw materials from America.

He rapidly became an expert on American commercial conditions and shipping to Europe, and when Hans Sulzer was appointed by his government last year as Swiss Minister to the United States, he asked Mr. Oederlin to serve as his commercial adviser.

Last June Mr. Sulzer returned to Switzerland to confer with his government, leaving Mr. Oederlin to take his place. On September 13, Dr. Huebner left on a few months' vacation, and I did overtake a man in a brave riding suit, and we fell into acquaintance, and he proved to be Sir John Barrymore, the play actor, and his mare the sleekest ever I saw.

To a neat little inn for breakfast and so likely a serving maid that I did give her an extra gold piece, and she told of being lately a milkmaid and her first day in the city. This day I got my horse brought over from Long Island and rode very finely through the park.

Since a clerk of the city hall told me that the bridegroom was a man in a riding suit, and we fell into acquaintance, and he proved to be Sir John Barrymore, the play actor, and his mare the sleekest ever I saw.

At the stables a stable boy sang a comic ditty which ran, "Would you rather be a colonel with an eagle on your shoulder or a private in the trenches?" and he sang a merry jingle I should like to learn but he had the shy at my questioning.

Great talk on the Rialto that Mr. Erlanger and Mr. Klaw have parted company and will not speak, and that the Shubert brothers are at odds about these rows do develop every whit and soon die down and may be only rumors. This day I read a copy of the Baltimore best journal I have read in a long time, and yet it hath not the circulation it deserves.

By the way, in the late afternoon to Staten Island and Lord! how everybody's looks, and discourse in the highway, is of death and nothing else; and few people going up and down the town like a place of disaster and foreboding. I went to the city and to a music hall and had three great tankards of ale and went home in great spirits.

I left off writing my appetite gluttonous and my night increases so I may go back to it yet; my wife, poor wretch, says ever since I eschewed tobacco I have been a nervous wreck, and she begins again, which Lord help me, is true.

Through the town afoot in the late evening and came upon Sir Al Woods, that prince of tellers, and Mistress Woods hath sold all her jewelry to buy bonds and Fifth avenue the most wonderful sight ever seen in this great city of my night and day, and I have bought more bonds than I could ever afford. So home and to bed.

The most ultra apartment house in New York City has been opened. It has no high sounding Pullman name. It is simply "No. 270 Park Avenue." When one is able to give that address it means class. It is a really a castle where several dozen families are going to live. It will have a restaurant known as the Avignon. It will be noted for being quiet. No music. Just soft lights, restful seats and studied silence. The waiters will be manicured and barbered before each meal and will wear rubber heels. The cafe will seat only 150 people. To dine there one must be invited by a tenant. There are millions in New York who will be grateful to dine there. The elevators are golden cages backed by rich mahogany and super mirrors. The new apartment house opening makes excellent reading; but one cannot help but wonder if it would not have been better to wait until the war is over to open it. Something about these ultra places makes one's mind leap instantly to America's brawn sleeping in mud-filled and vermin infested trenches.

German safe conducts for Dutch vessels trading with Scandinavia are now promised. Germany will recognize the Netherlands Overseas Trust as the consignee, and the trust will recognize German as well as British "black lists."

ARMISTICE RUMORS CONFUSE GERMANS

Boche Becomes Panic-Stricken by Changing Orders.

London, Oct. 13.—Rumors of armistice have created an atmosphere of bewilderment among the German troops on the western front. One correspondent with the British forces in the Cambrai sector says the enemy units seemed to be in a state of panic as a result of a multiplicity of conflicting orders.

As an illustration he tells how German prisoners blew up the Scheldt bridges northeast of Cambrai and had barely finished their work when the order was given to rebuild all the bridges. Before they were completed a fresh set of orders came along and destroyed them.

The same correspondent tells of transport columns being lost for days and unable to find their units. Food supplies were thus sent astray and the men at the front pressed by the British vanguard left to fight on empty stomachs.

Officers and men among the prisoners have the same appearance of absolute demoralization.

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE MOTIVE. Life to my eye is but a pure Romance. Wherein we're ever battling Circumstance. And as we grapple it the Tale will

A bit of laughter, or of tragedy, I'll keep mine full of cheer, and frame it so That light shall dominate the scenes

However deep the sorrows that impend. By making Love the motive to the end.

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By DWIG

Hunting Lodgings in Washington; How Girls Fall Among Profiteers

By RUTH GILBERT COCHRAN.

In the New York Times.

If you were a government girl employed in Washington, would you care to pay \$30 a month for the privilege of sharing one poorly furnished bedroom with three strange girls? Or would you care to sleep in the same room with an old woman and her husband?

The alternatives offered me in a recent three days' search for a lodging in Washington, and conditions are daily growing worse.

I went down to Washington from New York City last Saturday night to attend a conference concerning war work. I was summoned suddenly, and was told that I might be required to make up a room in Washington immediately. I had no great difficulty in procuring a berth on the Pullman. In fact, traveling conditions, though crowded, were better than I had been led to believe. Conditions in Washington itself were immeasurably worse than I could have believed possible.

I went to Washington with a surplus of \$25 and thought that amount would be sufficient to live on comfortably for a week at least. By Tuesday afternoon I was left with just \$1.25 in my pocketbook.

Although I had had no time to reserve a hotel room I was fortunate enough to arrive early Sunday morning, and with the aid of a personal card to the manager of one of the best hotels was able to procure the promise of a room. But there was no room empty then. I was taken temporarily into a double room. The bed had not been made. There were all the evidences of a hasty flight trainward. When my baggage was later transferred to a single room I received a pink slip, medicine and a pair of men's slippers which had been gathered up with it. I had a hard time to persuade the hotel clerk that they did not belong to me.

Although I had formerly lived in Washington, I had not been there, even on a visit, for four years. I spent several hours Sunday trying to get in touch with old friends, and found in more than one case that telephone numbers given in the book were actually five years out of date! Of the few friends whom I was able to reach, all told me the same story—there were no rooms to be had in Washington! I remembered Washington as used to be, laughed at them and started blithely out on a search for a permanent lodging. My hotel room was comfortable, to be sure, but I, like most of the government girls, was expected to receive only a moderate salary—and \$4 a night for a room alone is not compatible with the poor working girl's means.

Sunday afternoon I spent in the northwest section of Washington with a friend who has an apartment there—very small and very crowded. She offered to share her own room with me if I could not find accommodations elsewhere, but I hesitated, naturally, to inconvenience her. I little dreamed how gladly I would accept her hospitality only two days later.

Sunday evening I visited several old acquaintances in Washington. Not one of them had a room or half a room to spare, and not one of them could tell of any one who had. And these were women who had lived in Washington all their lives, and had hundreds of friends living in the city.

Already my bill for Sunday's breakfast and supper, Sunday night's lodging and Monday's breakfast was over \$5, a third of my \$25 had disappeared in a single day and night!

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